

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1196 - HB 1436

March 18, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Establishes the statute of limitations for medical malpractice actions by minors to be brought within four years of the date of the wrongful act. The bill includes an exception for a minor under the age of six allowing an action to be brought within four years or prior to the age of eight whichever is longer. The time limitation may be increased if the parent, guardian, insurer or health care provider committed fraud.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant

Estimate assumes any increase in the number of cases as a result of the bill can be heard with existing resources in the judicial system.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James A. Davenport".

James A. Davenport, Executive Director